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## He Calls It 'McWinning'

An Illinois man planning to run the Los Angeles Marathon on March 20 is preparing by eating nothing but food from McDonald's for 30 days, according to the Chicago Sun-Times. Except for tap water, multivitamins and energy gels, Joe D'Amico will get all his nourishment from the fast food chain. (EXPRESS)



## The Blob Waited, Watched. It Had Learned Stealth

Chevrolet's London branch sponsored a team of model makers to construct a life-size replica of the Chevy Orlando out of blue Play-Doh after the colorful putty received a majority of votes in a poll about favorite childhood toys. Also in the running was Kinder Egg, a small toy encased in a chocolate shell. (EXPRESS)

## Running Out of Crimes at Which He Can Totally Fail

This week Timothy James Chapek called 911 in Portland, Ore. when he feared the owner of the house he'd broken into had a gun. Now KATU reports Chapek has been arrested in Chehalis, Wash., after he was discovered loading items into a stolen car. (EXPRESS)

## The Big Picture

MIKE AGUILERA/SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO/AP



**A FLOCK OF MORE THAN 160 CARIBBEAN FLAMINGOS** marches through SeaWorld San Diego on Wednesday as it is relocated to a temporary home. The birds were moved from their Flamingo Cove exhibit to a behind-the-scenes aviary so a construction crew could work on a new exhibit. (AP)

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## In Brief

NORFOLK, VA.

## 14 Indicted for Piracy

A federal grand jury indicted 13 suspected pirates from Somalia and one from Yemen in a February hijacking that left four Americans dead, the Justice Department said Thursday. The men face piracy, kidnapping and firearms charges. If convicted of the piracy charges, the men face mandatory life sentences without the possibility of parole. (AP)

MONUMENT, COLO.

## Hunt Begins for 2 Boys Missing Nearly a Decade

Colorado authorities searched Thursday for two boys who have been missing for most of the last decade and whose adoptive parents are accused of receiving government checks to support the boys, though they were not living with the couple. Edward and Linda Bryant are being held on \$1 million bail each on charges including theft and forgery. (AP)

\$225.5B

The federal budget deficit for the month of February, eclipsing the previous record for a single month by nearly \$2 billion. The shortfall keeps this year's deficit on pace to end at \$1.5 trillion, the biggest in U.S. history. (AP)

# Searing Debate on Muslim Talks

House hearing illuminates challenges that remain in the post-9/11 America

## Washington

Congress pushed deep into a raw, emotional debate Thursday over Muslim-Americans who have committed terrorist attacks in the name of religion, in a hearing punctuated by tearful testimony, angry recriminations and political theater.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., declared U.S. Muslims are doing too little to help fight terror in America. Democrats, warning of inflaming anti-Muslim sentiment, wanted the hearing to focus on terror threats more broadly, including white supremacy.

Framed by Sept. 11 photos, the families of two young men blamed the Islamic community for inspiring the men to terrorism. Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn. and one of the two Muslims in Congress, wept while discussing a Muslim firefighter who died in the attacks.

The sharp divisions reflect a country still struggling with how to fight terrorism nearly a 10 years after Sept. 11. Al-Qaeda has built a strategy around motivating

**"To back down would be a craven surrender to political correctness and an abdication of what I believe to be the main responsibility of this committee — to protect America from a terrorist attack."**

— REP. PETER KING,  
R-N.Y.

**"This committee's approach to violent extremism is contrary to American values... We need increased understanding and engagement with Muslim American communities to keep America safe."**

— REP. KEITH ELLISON,  
D-MINN.



**Trump Speaks Out:** Saying he is more serious than ever about a possible 2012 run, Donald Trump criticized President Obama and others Thursday for allowing the U.S. to become "decimated." Trump spoke in New York City with Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili in announcing development in the country. Trump praised Georgia's reforms, suggesting the U.S. was lagging. He has said he will decide in June whether he will seek the GOP nod. (AP)

young American Muslims to become one-man terror cells, an effort the U.S. government has struggled to fight.

King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said he called the hearing because Muslim leaders need to speak out more loudly against terrorism and work more closely with police and the FBI.

Dozens of unraveled terror plots and a few successful attacks have suggested there is no one predictable path toward violence. Homegrown terrorists espousing their Islamic faith have included high school dropouts and college graduates, people from both poor and wealthy families. Some studied overseas. Others were inspired over the Internet.

That has complicated government efforts to head off radicalization. Further complicating any broad discussion, the Muslim community is diverse and widespread. No group speaks for everyone, and the religion itself does not have a leader, as Catholics have the pope.

After the hearing, the White House repeated its position that America should not practice guilt by association.

"We also believe that Muslim Americans are very much part of the solution here and not the problem," White House spokesman Jay Carney said. (AP)



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## Nation

# iPad Maintains Its Edge

As it rolls out its new tablet, Apple prices out the competition

### New York

The new iPad model hitting stores Friday comes with improvements over the original but the same price tag, hobbling efforts by rivals at breaking Apple Inc.'s hold on the market for tablet computers.

Competitors can't seem to match the iPad's base price of \$499. Tablets comparable to the iPad in features cost hundreds of dollars more, while cheaper ones are inferior in quality.

This is unusual in the gadget business, where early products, such as the first Blu-ray players, are costly and competition brings prices down. With the iPad, the reverse is happening.

### Mass Market

About 100 different models of tablets have already gone on sale or are on the way. Gartner Inc. projects 65 million tablets will be sold worldwide this year, and analysts expect the bulk of them will be iPads. Research firm IDC says 75 percent of all tablets sold in the last three months of 2010 were iPads. (AP)



Apple appears to have chosen to make less profit from iPads than from iPods and iPhones. Its profit margin on the entry-level iPad is about 25 percent, analysts say.

By contrast, Apple's profit margin for all products was 38.5 percent in the most recent quarter.

Analysts say Apple has a couple of advantages that let it sell an iPad profitably at a low price.

Apple sells about a third of iPads in its own stores and its website. By cutting the middleman, Apple

keeps more of the profit margin.

Also, the iPad uses many of the same chips as iPhones and iPods, so Apple can buy them in huge quantities and bring down costs.

Another factor is software: The Motorola's Xoom and other rivals generally use Google Inc.'s Android system, which demands more memory, raising the cost. Apple's iPad isn't as ambitious about multitasking, running more than one application at the same time, so it doesn't need as much memory. (AP)

### Union Dissent Churns at Ind. Rally



TOM STRATTNER/AP

PROTESTERS CONVERGE on the Statehouse on Thursday in Indianapolis to voice anger over recent Republican measures that would curb collective bargaining for public unions. An estimated 8,000 people turned out, police said.

**90%**

The reduction in foreign adoptions from Ethiopia that could result from changes implemented by the Ethiopian government, the U.S. State Department said Thursday. U.S. adoption agencies reacted with dismay and launched a petition drive urging Ethiopia to reconsider. According to State Department data, 2,513 Ethiopian children were adopted by Americans in the 2010 fiscal year, second only to China as a source country. (AP)

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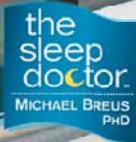
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# World

# Rebels Retreat From Key Oil Port

Pro-Gadhafi loyalists reverse opposition's advance in Libya

## Ras Lanouf, Libya

With fierce barrages of tank and artillery fire, Moammar Gadhafi's loyalists threw rebels into a frantic retreat from a strategic oil port Thursday in a counteroffensive that reversed the opposition's advance toward the capital of Tripoli and now threatens its positions in the east.

The rout came as the U.S. director of national intelligence stressed that Gadhafi's military was stronger than it has been described and said that "in the longer term ... the regime will prevail."

Hundreds of rebels in cars and trucks mounted with machine guns sped eastward on the Mediterranean coastal road in a seemingly disorganized flight from Ras

In Tripoli, Gadhafi's son Seif al-Islam vowed to retake the eastern half of the country, which has been in opposition hands since early in the three-week-old uprising. Lanouf as an overwhelming force of rockets and shells pounded a hospital, mosque and other buildings in the oil complex. Doctors and staff at the hospital were hastily evacuated along with wounded from fighting from the past week.

The opposition, however, made some diplomatic gains. France became the first country to recognize the rebels' eastern-based governing council, and an ally of President Nicolas Sarkozy said his government was planning "targeted oper-



Rebels fire a rocket-propelled grenade at a Libyan air force fighter jet in Ras Lanouf, during heavy shelling and strikes on Thursday.



## U.S. Severes Ties With Libya Proxies

The Obama administration cut ties with Libya's remaining representatives in the U.S. on Thursday and France became the first nation to recognize Moammar Gadhafi's opponents, adding diplomatic pressure on the Libyan government even as trans-Atlantic leaders stepped back from imminent military intervention. In a day of intense discussions on two continents, the European Union added new sanctions on Libyan companies and Germany froze billions of dollars in Libyan government assets. The U.S. and NATO allies agreed to develop contingency plans for air patrols over Libya to protect civilians, but most hope those are never used. (AP)

**"With respect to the rebels in Libya ... I think, frankly, they're in for a tough row. I do believe that Gadhafi is in this for the long haul. I don't think he has any intention ... of leaving."**

— DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE JAMES CLAPPER, AT A U.S. SENATE HEARING THURSDAY SAYING THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT GADHAFI WOULD STEP DOWN.

ations" to defend civilians if the international community approves. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said she would meet with opposition leaders in the U.S., Egypt and Tunisia.

Gadhafi's government sent a text message to Tripoli residents, warning imams at mosques against allowing protests after Friday prayers. The message quoted Saudi cleric Sheik Saleh Fawzan, a member of the Saudi Supreme Scholars Council, as saying it was "unacceptable" for any imam "who incites people [or] causes disturbances of the society in any mosque."

There were demonstrations

after prayers for the past two Fridays, and militiamen used tear gas and live ammunition to disperse the crowds who had gathered in mosques. There were an undetermined number of deaths after the Feb. 25 demonstrations.

The retreat was a heavy blow for the ragtag rebel forces of armed civilians and mutinous army units that only days before had confidently charged west, boasting they would march the hundreds of miles to "liberate" Tripoli. There were no concrete signs of Western moves toward military assistance that the opposition has been pleading for. PAUL SCHEM (AP)

## In Brief



AP PHOTO  
A woman mourns after an earthquake jolted southwestern China on Thursday.

### BEIJING

## 24 Dead as Earthquake Topple Homes in China

A magnitude-5.8 earthquake toppled at least 1,200 houses and apartment buildings in China's southwest near the border with Myanmar on Thursday, killing at least 24 people and injuring 207, officials and state media said. More than 127,000 people have been evacuated. (AP)

### MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

## Attempt to Free Danish Family From Pirates Fails

An attempt by Somali security forces to free a Danish family from a pirate gang on Thursday turned deadly after the would-be rescuers walked into an ambush, a pirate and a security official said. Five soldiers were killed and government forces have retreated for now. (AP)

### GROZNY, RUSSIA

## Report: Chechen Women Abused Over Dress Code

In a 40-page report released Thursday, Human Rights Watch condemned the harsh punishment dealt out to women in Chechnya for leaving home without a headscarf. Chechnya's security forces are allowed to use paintball guns, and insults against those refusing to obey. (AP)

### CAIRO

## Saudi Police Open Fire To Disperse Protesters

Saudi police opened fire Thursday to disperse a protest in the section where minority Shiites live, leaving at least one man injured, as the government toughened its efforts to prevent a wave of unrest sweeping the Arab world from reaching the kingdom. (AP)



**Pope's New Tome:** Pope Benedict XVI rejects the idea of Jesus as a political revolutionary and insists that violent revolution must never be carried out in God's name in his new book released Thursday amid great fanfare at the start of Lent. "Jesus of Nazareth—Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection," is the second installment of Benedict's planned trilogy on Jesus. Part I shot to the top of the best-seller lists in Italy in 2007. (AP)

## Evidence



## FREDERIC CHOPIN EXPERTS

are trying to determine whether a photo that has surfaced in Poland is really of the 19th century composer. If authentic, it would be only the third known photograph of Chopin. The daguerreotype bears the year 1849, when Chopin died in Paris and has the name of Louis Auguste Bisson, a photographer who took at least one known photo of Chopin. (AP)

# Soldier, Dog Make Final Journey

Fallen Afghanistan hero and best friend repatriated in UK

## London

Liam and Theo were a team, fast friends doing a dangerous job — searching out roadside bombs laid by insurgents in Afghanistan.

The jovial British soldier and his irrepressible dog worked and played together for months, and died on the same day. On Thursday they came home, flown back to Britain in a somber repatriation ceremony for the soldier remembered for his empathy with animals

and the companion he loved.

Lance Cpl. Liam Tasker, a dog handler with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, was killed in a fire-fight with insurgents in Helmand province on March 1 as he searched for explosives with Theo, a bomb-sniffing springer spaniel mix. The dog suffered a fatal seizure hours later at a British army base, likely brought about by stress.

Military officials won't go so far as to say Theo died of a broken heart — but that may not be far from the truth. "I think we often underestimate the grieving process in dogs," said Elaine Pendlebury, a senior veterinarian with animal charity PDSA.



west England.

The 26-year-old soldier, from Kirkcaldy in Scotland, spent six years as an army mechanic before joining the military working dog unit in 2007. "I love my job and working together with Theo," Tasker said in a profile of the pair released by the Ministry of Defense last month.

Tasker's uncle, Billy McCord, said the soldier had been due to leave Afghanistan and worried about being separated from Theo.

"He actually said at one point that when he finished his tour he was not sure what would happen to his dog," said McCord. "But they are not separated now." (AP)

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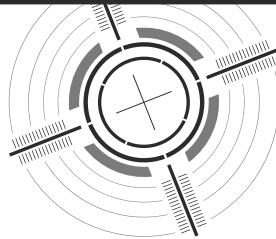
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# Local

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A snowstorm on Jan. 26 brought area roadways to a standstill in rush hour.

### WASHINGTON

#### Report Calls for Joint Regional Storm Efforts

A new report calls for a joint information center to spread information around the Washington region when dangerous weather strikes. The report was issued Wednesday by the National Capital Regional Emergency Preparedness Council. A Jan. 26 snowstorm paralyzed the region, snarling traffic as workers headed home early during heavy snowfall. D.C. Council member Phil Mendelson said the recommendations were too weak and unfocused. (AP)

**ANNAPOLIS, MD.**

#### 3 Midshipmen Expelled For Synthetic Marijuana

Three more midshipmen have been expelled from the U.S. Naval Academy for using or possessing synthetic marijuana, bringing the total number of dismissals to 11 this year, the academy announced Thursday. The expulsions equal the number of dismissals for drug violations in each of the last two calendar years. In 2010, 11 midshipmen were found in violation of the Navy drug policy, including seven for synthetic marijuana. (AP)

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.**

#### Va. Man Pleads to Lesser Charge in Metro Threat

An Arlington man charged with threatening on Facebook to detonate pipe bombs on Metro trains and in Georgetown has been sentenced to two years of supervised release after pleading guilty to a less serious charge. Lawyers said in court that Awais Younis, 25, lacked the ability to carry out the threat and did not appear to intend to harm anyone. (AP)

# Tension Over Gray Hires

D.C. Council spar over how to respond to nepotism charges

### Washington

What should have been an uneventful, low-profile D.C. Council committee meeting Thursday erupted into a tense debate over Mayor Vincent C. Gray's hiring practices and how the council should respond to them.

Member Mary M. Cheh, D-Ward 3, chairwoman of the Government Operations and Environment panel, presented colleagues with a draft report looking into allegations that Gray's administration has hired employees at unusually high sal-

aries, and that family members of top officials have gotten city jobs. The report found that while Gray has paid some agency heads and political appointees more than city law allows, Gray can ask the council for exceptions to the caps.

The draft report recommended that Gray either reduce the illegal salaries or ask the council for exceptions; inform employees of nepotism rules; examine "internal pre-employment screening practices" and, with the council, look at current salary limits for agency heads. The report does not call for further investigation.



Catania

At that point, David A. Catania, I-At Large, pressed Cheh for a separate hearing on the hiring allegations, and questioned why she was not delving more deeply.

"This is a whitewash," he said, adding that the public impression of the Gray administration "you have to know someone in mayor's office to get a job. ... It's the friends and family club, the full employment act."

Cheh, in turn, took offense to Catania's "whitewash" characterization as "overly dramatic."

After the hearing, Catania said he does not think Gray was personally involved in the hiring decisions but that he had "misplaced trust in a lot of people."

MIKE DEBONIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Fixing for a Flood



KATHERINE FRIER/TWP

**LOUIS SIMMS** CLEARS DEBRIS from the roadway on Thursday as Old Town Alexandria prepared for flooding on King Street below Union Street. Heavy rains and thunderstorms were expected overnight.

## The Lotteries

**Thursday, March 10**

### District

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Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	1-1-2-7
Mid-day D.C. Five	6-1-3-4-4
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	7-1-5-5-0
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	8-13-14-21-32 (19)

### Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	2-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-9-1
Mid-day Pick 4	9-9-6-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-1-4-8
Match 5 (Wed.)	11-20-29-34-37 (35)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	3-8-14-17-23-34
<b>Multi-State Games</b>	
Power Play	12-20-28-40-48 (8)
Powerball	2X

### Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	0-3-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-0-2
Mid-day Pick 4	1-10-0-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-4-7-7
Mid-day Cash 5	1-3-10-11-19
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	13-15-26-30-32
Win For Life (Wed.)	3-5-10-20-35-41 (27)
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Convo Relay, a phone service for the deaf, made a groundbreaking ad buy, including this ad at New York Ave-Gallaudet U station. MARGE ELY/EXPRESS

# Loud and Clear

An ad targeting the deaf finds an ideal location underfoot on Metro

Just before getting on the escalator at the New York Ave-Florida Ave-Gallaudet U station, you'll walk across a piece of history. It's a floor ad for Convo Relay, a service deaf people can use to make calls to hearing people. And the company believes it's the only commercial media buy targeted to the deaf population in the entire country.

The reason they went for it is right in the station name. The Washington area has one of the nation's highest concentrations of deaf people thanks to Gallaudet University, which is why a Metro ad there was a no-brainer, explains Convo's Wayne Betts Jr. "It means exposure to hundreds going to and from their campus," he wrote via email.

Convo normally relies on video

ads, since they allow for the use of sign language. But since Metro doesn't offer them, the company opted for a written message that probably seems just as incomprehensible to hearing people: "Finally, you can hang up on Alexander Graham Bell." It's a nod to how Convo allows users to end calls with one click (rather than having to wait for the service's interpreter to relay the information), as well as a not-so-subtle dig at the inventor. Bell's known in the deaf community for opposing the use of sign language.

According to Betts, the main response they've gotten is, "Whoa, you placed an ad in a public venue!?" It's also generated online buzz, including a vlog post at Deafvideo.tv that's had more than 4,000 views. But to anyone who isn't deaf, Betts suspects it doesn't register at all.

In that sense, it's not differ-

ent from any of Metro's targeted advertisements. Dan Langdon of CBS Outdoor, which sells space on Metro platforms, says buyers regularly try to home in on a specific demographic. That's especially true at Union Station and Capitol South, where riders are often bombarded with posters about energy issues or upcoming bills. (Both stops were booked every month of 2010 with a "station domination" — the term for buying out every ad in sight.) You'll also see it regularly at the Pentagon stop, where defense contractors like to mark their territory.

"It gets the message to the decision makers. I'm not saying the admirals are taking the train, or the senators. But their aides are," Langdon says. And in the case of the Convo ad, there's no doubt the message is being seen by the right people. **VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)**

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**Clarification:** The quote attributed to Chris Stoughton, right, in last Friday's Metro Pulse was not a direct reply to the question, "Why do you think D.C. has the strongest housing market in the country?" His response should have read: "The federal government is here, which creates a strong market compared to other regions of the country."



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# Cover Story

# A Costly Victory in Wis.?

Spurned unions pledge to continue the fight after governor wins an epic battle

## Washington

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker won his drive to strip the state's government workers of nearly all their collective bargaining rights Thursday, after a three-week standoff that brought tens of thousands of protesters to the capitol.

The new law represents a major setback for organized labor, but the political battle over public employees and their rights to bargain is likely to continue — not only in Madison, but across the country.

The state Assembly passed the Republican governor's proposal a day after Republicans outmaneuvered the 14 Democratic senators

**"We should have invited him here to receive the Mobilizer of the Year award."**

— RICHARD TRUMKA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFL-CIO, SAYING GOV. SCOTT WALKER'S ANTI-UNION LEGISLATION WILL GALVANIZE UNIONS ACROSS THE U.S.

who had fled the state to deny a quorum needed for passing a budget measure. By stripping the bill of its spending language, they were able to pass it with only Republicans present.

Despite losing the battle in Wisconsin, union leaders said it would have repercussions across the country.

"It's not over. This may be a battle that has been won by the governor, but we are in this for the long haul," said Lee A. Saunders, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which is the nation's largest government-worker union.

Wisconsin was in many ways an unlikely spot for such a politi-



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Assembly Minority Leader Peter Barca leads Democrats Thursday in Wisconsin's debate over an anti-union bill that passed.



GETTY IMAGES

Police carry a protester out of the state Capitol in Madison, Wis., on Thursday.

ical conflagration. The state was the first to grant collective bargaining rights to its public employees, back in 1959. Even now, only about half the states allow broad collective bargaining for their public employees.

And while Wisconsin has traditionally had both liberal and conservative forces, "usually the discourse is much more civil and deliberate, even when there are differences in public policy," said Dennis L. Dresang, the founding

director of the La Follette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "If this can happen in Wisconsin, it can happen anywhere."

Walker has argued that local governments and school districts need to be able to rein in the unions if they are to cope with expected cuts in state aid. "This is ultimately about a commitment to the future, so our children don't face even more dire consequences than what we face today," Walker said at a news

## The Fallout

### Recall Efforts

Wisconsin law is designed to make recalls difficult and rare. The rules require lawmakers to have been in office for at least a year to be eligible for recall. Eight Republican senators fit that standard. To recall a state senator, Democrats need to gather signatures in each district equivalent to one-quarter of votes cast in the seat in the last gubernatorial election. In most districts, that's at least 15,000 signatures. Once that happens, an election is set for six weeks later. Only two state lawmakers have been successfully recalled in Wisconsin history. But, Democrats insist they are well on their way — having already collected 15 percent of the signatures they needed over the weekend. Liberal groups say that have raised close to \$2 million dollars in support. (TWP)

conference in the West Allis community of Milwaukee.

What remains to be seen is whether the Wisconsin saga sets off similar epic battles in other states — or becomes a cautionary lesson. "It's a bit of an inspiration for other governors, but they are also seeing the pounding," said Republican political consultant Mike Murphy.

Unions and their allies say the showdown in Wisconsin has galvanized and energized a liberal base that had been in a state of deep malaise after the beating that Democrats took in last year's elections.

Walker is "winning the battle through pure uncompromising force, but he's losing the war," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman.

## WHAT DOES THE ANTI-UNION BILL MEAN FOR WIS.?

**If most collective bargaining ends, how will employees seek pay increases to keep up with the cost of living?**  
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**Does the bill solve the state's \$137 million budget deficit?**  
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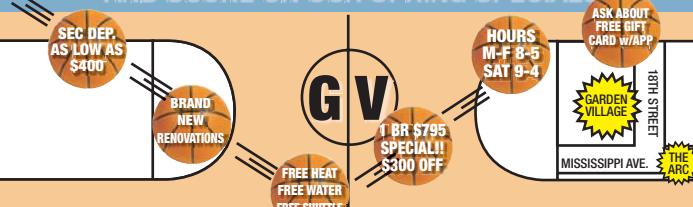
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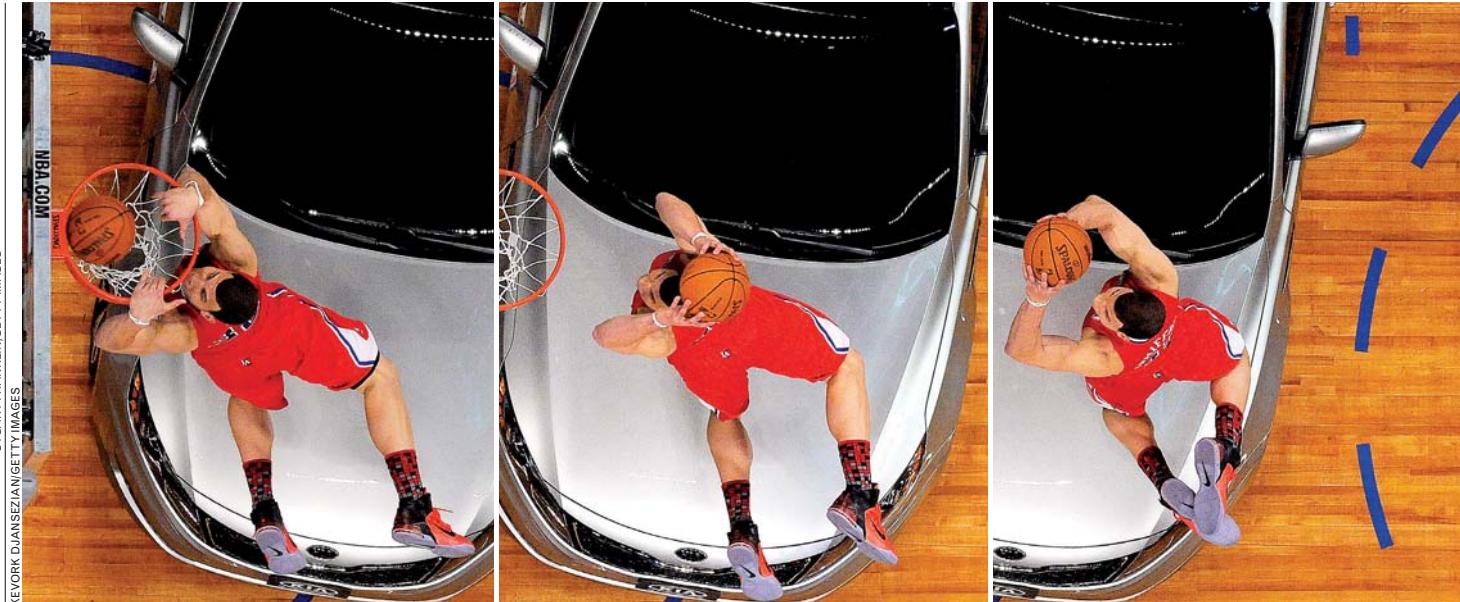


## TV Lineup



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Tiger Woods is paired with Phil Mickelson in the opening rounds in Doral, Fla.



Blake Griffin has made his share of spectacular dunks this season—but none top his leaping over a car to win the NBA's slam dunk contest during All-Star weekend.

## ► Friday

**7 P.M.** The Caps return to the ice to face off against the Carolina Hurricanes. CSN

**7 P.M.** The Big East Tournament semifinals take place in Madison Square Garden. ESPN

## ► Saturday

**11:30 A.M.** The college hoops action starts early with the Conference USA title game. CBS

**6 P.M.** The Pac-10 Championship game tips off in Los Angeles. CBS

**6 P.M.** Who will win the Big 12 final in Kansas City, Mo.? ESPN

**7 P.M.** Blake Griffin leads the Los Angeles Clippers against John Wall and the ailing Wizards. CSN

**9 P.M.** The Big East crowns its champ. ESPN

## ► Sunday

**12:30 P.M.** The Capitals play host to the defending champion Chicago Blackhawks. NBC

**1 P.M.** Will it be a Duke-North Carolina final in the ACC Tournament? WDCA20

**3:30 P.M.** Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson hope they are paired in the final group at the WGC-Cadillac Championship in Doral, Fla. NBC

**3:30 P.M.** The Big 10 Tournament wraps up in Indianapolis. CBS

**6 P.M.** The NCAA tournament field is announced. CBS

# Blake Show Hits D.C.

Dunk-machine Griffin leads the Clippers to town for a game featuring the NBA's top rookies

## The Wizards

For the first time, the Clippers are a hot ticket—and it's all because of one player.

Washington and that "other" Los Angeles basketball franchise have shared in a few decades of misery.

With the exception of some spot playoff appearances—four trips in the middle of the last decade for the Wizards and four trips in the last 20 years for the Clippers—these squads are better known for their smiling representatives on draft lottery night.

They've both hit the lottery jackpot in the last two years, and that's why many eyes will be on Verizon Center Saturday night when the 2009 No. 1 pick Blake Griffin faces off against 2010's top choice, John Wall.

Griffin—still a rookie because of a left knee injury that sidelined him all of last season—has become a dominant force in the league. His thunderous dunks have become a

"SportsCenter" staple. He's averaging 22.5 points and 12.5 rebounds a game and has posted 54 double-doubles in 65 games.

Where Griffin's raw power amazes, it's Wall's slipperiness that helps him set up his teammates.

But those teammates keep changing. Andray Blatche, Rashard Lewis and Josh Howard—all legitimate scoring threats from the forward position—are battling injuries. Kirk Hinrich—the guard brought in to be Wall's mentor in the offseason—was dealt at the trade deadline for Mike Bibby, who was quickly bought out of his contract.

At one point in Tuesday's loss to Milwaukee, coach Flip Saunders was going with an all-rookie lineup.

"We need to play hard and play together," Wall said. "We started to get aggravated, and it's tough when you're playing with five rookies. It's a different style of play."

"It's tough having a lot of people out and not really having a small forward, but it also gives the players a chance to step up."

Despite the team's instability, Wall is still

putting up impressive numbers—and not just for a rookie—with 15.5 points and 8.8 assists per game (the latter stat good for sixth in the NBA).

Neither team has a realistic chance to make the playoffs this season. But while the Clippers (25-40 heading into Friday's game at New Jersey

**"He can be one of the best players, if not the best player in the future, in the NBA."**

—BOSTON'S RAY ALLEN, ON BLAKE GRIFFIN

sey) boast a good young foundation with Griffin and currently injured guard Eric Gordon (23.7 ppg), the Wizards (16-47) will use the rest of the season to figure out which players will help them out in the long run.

"I think the guys are aware that there's opportunities for anybody [to play]," Saunders said. "We'll see how it goes."

And when the year ends, both the Wizards and Clippers will be back in familiar territory: the lottery. **ERIC BRANDNER**



**7 P.M.**  
Sat. | CSN



# Planting Seeds

\* Projected Seed

**As many as three area schools** not named Maryland could hear their name called on Selection Sunday. Georgetown and George Mason appear locks, and it's up to Virginia Tech to win a game or two in the ACC Tournament to solidify their bid. As for the Terps, there's always next year. We look at where the area schools may fall. (EXPRESS)



## George Mason (26-6)

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George Mason coach Jim Larranaga and senior forward Cam Long

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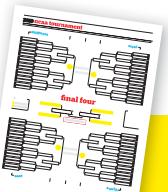
**Five years after** their magical Final Four run, Jim Larranaga's Patriots seem a good bet to dance despite their 16-game win streak being snapped in the CAA Tournament semifinals. While George Mason's schedule wasn't as strong as it could be, the team's cohesive nature and its veteran leadership will surely impress the NCAA committee. Can Mason return to the Final Four? It seems like a long shot — but no one would ever guess how far it would go in 2006.

**STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE:** 91

**KEY WINS:** Harvard, Old Dominion

**KEY LOSSES:** Wofford, VCU (in CAA Tournament)

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**Cavs Collapse:** Virginia entered the first round of the ACC Tournament with its sights set on gauging how much progress the program has made in coach Tony Bennett's second season. If Thursday's 69-62 overtime loss to Miami was any indication, Virginia still has plenty of room to grow. In an improbable collapse, the Cavaliers fumbled away a 10-point lead during the final minute, allowing Miami to force an extra period. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



## Georgetown (21-10)

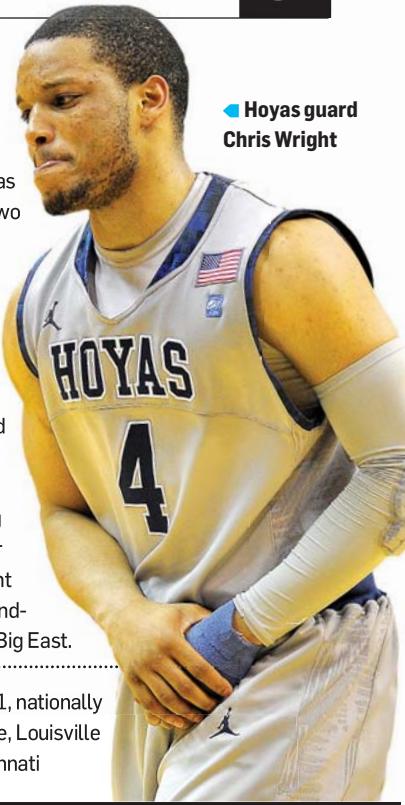
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**At one point this year** — during an impressive eight-game winning streak during the heart of the Big East schedule — Georgetown could have landed as high as a No. 2 seed. But in the two weeks since Chris Wright broke his left hand, the Hoyas have not been competitive. In their favor is that each team to defeat Georgetown this year is probably headed to the Big Dance. Also, Wright is scheduled to return in the first round of the NCAA tournament. But how effective will he be after missing so much time — and will the star point guard be fully healed? Right now, the Hoyas look like a one-and-down team, just as it was in the Big East.

**STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE:** No. 1, nationally

**KEY WINS:** Missouri, at Syracuse, Louisville

**KEY LOSSES:** Two against Cincinnati



Hoyas guard Chris Wright

## Thursday's Madness



Kemba Walker led Connecticut to an upset win over Pittsburgh on Thursday.

### BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

#### UConn's Walker Strikes Late for Win Over Pitt

Kemba Walker hit the winning basket on a classic stepback jumper at the buzzer, and No. 21 Connecticut stunned third-ranked Pittsburgh, 76-74, in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament on Thursday. UConn will play Syracuse, which beat St. John's, in the semis. (AP)

### BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

#### Refs Withdraw After Being Cited for Errors

The three officials — veteran refs Jim Burr, Tim Higgins and Earl Walton — cited for two errors in the final seconds of the St. John's-Rutgers game have withdrawn from the rest of the Big East Tournament. The Big East acknowledged after the game the officials blew the calls. On Thursday, commissioner John Marinatto said the three officials have "voluntarily withdrawn" in "the best interests of those involved." (AP)

### BIG 12 TOURNAMENT

#### Kansas Avoids Upset

Mario Little's three-point play broke a tie with 71 seconds to go and Oklahoma State missed a desperation heave at the buzzer, allowing No. 2 Kansas to escape with a 63-62 victory Thursday in the second round of the Big 12 Tournament. (AP)

### ACC TOURNAMENT

#### BC Rolls Past Wake

Reggie Jackson was one of three Boston College players with at least 20 points in the Eagles' 81-67 victory against Wake Forest on Thursday in the first round of the ACC Tournament. Boston College plays Clemson on Friday. (AP)

# sports

## Swengali

### Let the Georges Have at It in NCAA

**The only thing** that might taste better than the Jack sticks and ribs at Brion's Grille this Sunday would be for Mason Nation to hear its team will play Georgetown in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Don't scoff — such a local matchup might happen.



By Matt Swenson

The Patriots seem comfortably positioned as either an 8 or 9 seed in the Big Dance after winning the Colonial Athletic Association's regular season crown. Meanwhile, the Hoyas are free-falling down the bracket without senior point guard Chris Wright.

Right now, it's hard to distinguish which team is better. And something tells me Mason would like nothing better than a chance to prove its dominance.

**Mason would like nothing more than a chance to prove its dominance.**

There is precedent for such a battle of area schools in college basketball's marquee event. In 2001, the 14th-seeded Patriots nearly stunned No. 3 Maryland in a first-round game in Boise. After eking out an 83-80 win, the Terps ended up in the Final Four.

A lot has changed since then. For one thing, Mason is clearly more on the national radar than Gary Williams' program. And the Patriots now don't settle for near upsets — not after their Final Four run five years ago.

The fans packing the Fairfax hangout will have plenty to cheer Sunday regardless of who the Patriots draw. But isn't a dream matchup with Georgetown — the only other true D.C. school what will dance — an exciting prospect to ponder this weekend?



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JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Alex Ovechkin dives to reach the puck during the Capitals' 5-0 win over Edmonton Wednesday. The Caps have won six straight.

## Caps' Offense Finds Its Flare

5-goal outburst puts squad within reach of the East's top spot

### The Capitals

It had been so long since the Capitals had scored five goals in a home game that even captain Alex Ovechkin couldn't remember the date.

"I can't remember scoring five goals in a game [recently]," he said after the Caps' 5-0 win over the Edmonton Oilers on Wednesday. "[But] it was a good night for us and a good night for the fans too."

The answer to the question, Alex, is Dec. 21. On that date, the Capitals used a 5-1 blowout of the New Jersey Devils to snap an eight-game losing streak that marred the month.

Head coach Bruce Boudreau is hoping that Washington's wild Wednesday night blowout might be the beginning of the Caps' return to offensive dominance.

In the win, the Caps' top scorers provided the firepower with their usual trademark flare: Ovechkin scored two goals — including his first power play goal at home this season — Eric Fehr netted two, and Alex

Semin provided the mark that sent fans home with free buffalo wings.

"Five goals and the guys that scored them, the way they usually score goals is with flare," Boudreau said. "I think it's the first time we have had two power-play goals in 45 games or something."

## 31-0-3

The Capitals' record this season when scoring at least three goals in a game.

With the win, Washington is now in second place in the Eastern Conference and is on the heels of the conference leading Philadelphia Flyers.

The Caps will try to recreate Wednesday's output again Friday against the Carolina Hurricanes and extend their winning streak to seven games. Washington is undefeated against Carolina this season.

### A Milestone Night

Four Caps reached major career milestones in Wednesday's 5-0 win. Goalie Braden Holtby made 22 saves en route to his first-ever NHL shutout. Trade deadline acquisition Jason Arnott tallied his 900th career point with an assist on Alex Ovechkin's first goal of the game. Fellow deadline pick-up Dennis Wideman registered his 200th career NHL point with an assist on Alex Semin's goal. Alex Ovechkin's resume grew with his 600th career point. Ovechkin joins hockey greats Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Peter Stastny, Mike Bossy, Jari Jurri, Dale Hawerchuk, Bryan Trottier, Denis Savard and Paul Coffey in completing the feat. (R.A.)

Entering the match with the Hurricanes, the Capitals have a chance to tie the Flyers in points and increase their lead over Tampa Bay for the Southeast Division lead.

It's not clear whether center Nicklas Backstrom will return to the line-up, but after rookie Marcus Johansson's strong outing on Ovechkin's line, Boudreau is pleased with the short-term fix.

"What I thought was good was that Marcus played his game," Boudreau said. "Usually young guys get with Alex and they feel obligated every time they touch the puck to give it to him and Marcus played the way he plays and Alex played off him." REED S. ALBERS

## As NFL Talks Stall, Work Stoppage Looms

### Pro Football

The twice-delayed bargaining deadline in the NFL's labor negotiations looms again Friday amid heightened concern that talks between the league and the players' union are on the verge of falling apart and a labor confrontation could again be at hand.

The talks, supervised by federal mediator George H. Cohen, resumed

Thursday with the league and union still at odds on key financial issues. Comments attributed Wednesday to DeMaurice Smith, the union's executive director, cast new doubt on the players' willingness to agree to a proposed 18-game season.

Sources familiar with the deliberations said a settlement by Friday's bargaining deadline appeared highly unlikely and that Cohen might have difficulty even con-



vincing the negotiators that a third postponement is warranted.

A third delay could be a lengthy one if the two sides agreed to terms under which the league disclosed additional financial information to the union. But there was little or no movement on that issue Wednesday after the union rejected an offer by the league to provide aggregate profitability data over a five-year span. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Redskins GM Bruce Allen arrives for Thursday's NFL mediation session.



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## Ted Allen

"CHOPPED" HOST, SIT-DOWN RESTAURANT FAN

**On cucina-centric** Food Network shows like "The Best Thing I Ever Ate" and "Chopped," writer/cook Ted Allen proves the voice of culinary reason in a sea of hot sauce and saucy personalities. The "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" alum currently hosts "Chopped All-Stars" (Sun., 9 p.m.), which pits big names like Duff Goldman and Jacques Torres against each other in lightening-fast cooking contests. We grilled him on what it takes to triumph in microwave-speed conditions.

### Are all these food contests making us better cooks?

I don't see how they hurt. I actually learn a lot from shooting these shows, and I think viewers do by watching them. Sure, it's a contest, but we're also talking ingre-

dients, techniques and ways that odd combinations work.

**"Chopped" gives contestants baskets of ingredients that often don't seem to go together—gummy bears and mac and cheese mix. How does that help regular cooks?**

We've all gone to our fridge to whip something out of nothing, though most of us aren't faced with sea urchin and peanut butter at the same time. But I think "Chopped" helps us to think openly.

### Have you made anything from a wacky combo of items lately?

I was asked to do a recipe using mangos, blueberries and avocados. Avocado is very commonly used in desserts in South America, so I made a rich, fluffy mousse

of avocado and mango with a blueberry compote. It was a little odd, but very good.

**You're also on "The Best Thing I Ever Ate." What's the best thing you've eaten lately?**

I'm working on a new cookbook, and I've been working on a chili-lime shrimp recipe I'm proud of.

**"I'm not into making puff pastry. It's drudgery. If I did it, it would come out tough."**

### What else is going in the book?

One recipe that's been working well is Israeli couscous with grilled peaches, mangos and zucchini.

**You have a rep for making cooking look easy. Is there anything that's hard for you?**

I'm not into making puff pastry. It's drudgery, and I know that if I did it, it would come out tough. I also don't like last-minute cooking for a crowd. I prefer to cook the way Ina Garten does, where you've got everything in the oven as guests arrive.

**It's getting to be spring. What seasonal produce are you most excited to see again?**

Just anything that isn't a turnip!

### What's your home kitchen like?

It's a serious workspace. We've got stainless steel everything, from cabinets to counter tops.

**Is there any food trend you are totally over?**

Food trucks. I just don't like to stand and eat on the sidewalk. I like to sit at a table.

**JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)**

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# goods lookout



# 1

## Fit to Print

### SQUARE SILK SCARVES

the ones you plucked from Grandma's closet, look a little less glam next to Yarnz's draped cashmere ones. The luxury scarf line known for its celeb following just debuted at Urban Chic (\$170, 1626 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5398). Ladylike-yet-boho prints — leopard, black hearts, reddish posies — look springy worn with, sigh, that raincoat you'll have on constantly until at least April 15.

## Poured S'more

### AS CULINARY COUPLES GO,

Mr. Beer and Ms. Pretzel rank right up there with those stuck-together-like-glue lovebirds Chocolate and Marshmallow. Truffle Truffle's new beer pretzel marshmallows (\$10 for four, Truffletruffle.com) merge all four tastes into one delicious amour fest of boozy marshmallow, milk chocolate and crunchy pretzel.

# 3



# 4

## Irrational Beers

FOR REASONS WE CAN barely recall from 10th grade geometry, pi has an infinite number of digits. It's a boggling notion perhaps best pondered while downing a brewski on March 14, Pi Day. Boston craftsman Brian Johnson's steel bottle opener (\$25, Etsy.com/shop/brianjohnson) lets you pop open a cold one with math dork-meets-beer geek style, then toast Archimedes.



# 5

## Home Girly

YOU FEED your face with local produce, so why not pretty it up with homegrown makeup? Alexandria's Michelle Coyle just launched Haughty Cosmetics, a line of super-moist, shiny lip glosses (\$28, Haughtycosmetics.com) produced in her Virginia studio. Shades range from nude to red; all flatter whether you're searching the farmer's market for Maryland turnips or drinking Virginia wine.

### Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I work in a congressional office on Capitol Hill, and I would like to know what shoes are work-appropriate in spring and summer. I love wedge sandals, but I feel uncertain about wearing them to work. How about gladiator sandals? Any help is appreciated. — MEREDITH

**Manolo says** from the casual observation of the C-Span, Internet gossip and the police blotters, it is possible to say that the average congress-being is the highly strung, go-go-go,



narcissistic, type-A lunatic with the poor impulse control and the outrageous demands.

"Ms. Smith, can you pick up my cleaning, notify the press that I'm available for comment, walk my dog, clean my gutters and mark up that new interstate trucking bill? Oh, and when you're done, I need you to come in here and pumice the calluses off of my feet. Chop, chop."

Thus, the Manolo would recommend taking measures to avoid doing anything that might "angry up the blood" of the congressmen and the congressladies. Also, because professional appearance is to be highly valued in such situations, the bit of the peeping toes is probably about as far one would wish to go with the displays of feet skin.

It is best to save the stylish, sexy sandals for the after-hours partying down. Here is the Cole Haan Air Talia Open Toe Slingback (\$198, Zappos.com) in palomino patent, the conservative and professional choice of congressional aides everywhere.



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# 2

## Grab Bag



# lookout styles

Arlington designer Marya Karlton layers different shades of white in the master bedroom of her Westover colonial.



# Snowed In

Will adding lots of white to your home make it chic or just chilly?

**At press time**, my husband and I dwell at The Staged House Inn. OK, it's our Falls Church row house. It's up for sale, so we've jettisoned stuff that might repel buyers (vintage toy robots, a photo of Grandpa that makes him look like a vampire) and transformed our space from color-laden to mostly neutral. Think white curtains, tiles, towels, carpet. I'm mad for brights, but being surrounded by simplicity, I'm calmer, and our pad seems cleaner, even if we forget to vacuum. Plus, when I thumb through shelter mags or hit furniture stores, I'm noticing a lot of other people are doing a similar sort of, well, whitewashing.

"I think the last few years, we've seen a lot of saturated colors on walls and in bedding, and that's why people are returning to white," says interior designer Emily Henderson of HGTV's "Secrets of a Stylist" and the blog Style byemilyhenderson.com.

This design neutrality pact has resulted in glossy Parsons tables (hello, West Elm!), snowy Roman shades and — gasp — the return of the white, slip-covered sofa, last seen during shabby chic's heyday, circa 1992.

Atlanta designer Suzanne Kasler, known for her milk-on-cream rooms, has been creating pale spaces for much of her career, and she recent-

**"In the bedroom, it's nice to not have so much visual noise."**

ARLINGTON INTERIOR DESIGNER MARYA KARLTON, WHOSE SERENE BEDROOM IS PICTURED ABOVE.



ly launched a collection of predominantly white accessories — pottery, faux antlers — with Ballard Designs (Ballarddesigns.com).

"What I love about white is that you can layer in dimension with texture or furniture shapes," she says. "It's a way to simplify. And if you mix in metal pieces or natural things, it's beautiful."

Kassler thinks a full court press of paleness evokes the shore or cottage. But many other design fiends — this writer included — find living in rooms devoid of all color a bit too sci-fi-ship for every day.

"When I walk into an all-white room, I feel cold," says David Dennis, who sells lots of bright pieces in his shop RCKNDY (1515 U St. NW; 202-332-5639). "There's not much creativity in that. I prefer a space with white and pops of color."

Indeed, the reason why retailers like Ballard, West Elm and Crate & Barrel are selling so much white may be that it plays well with other shades and keeps a room from looking like a Mardi Gras float.

"I love color, but we've gone over to more white recently," says Arlington

**'I'M OBSESSED WITH FOOTED WHITE POTTERY, AND I BRING GROUPS OF IT INTO ALMOST EVERY ROOM I DO.'**

— EMILY HENDERSON, INTERIOR DESIGNER AND STAR OF HGTV'S "SECRETS OF A STYLIST"

# styles lookout



▲ West Elm's popular Serpentine collection (\$211-\$509, Westelm.com) boasts clean lines and a glossy white finish.

designer Marya Karlton. "In the bedroom in particular, it's nice to not have so much visual noise." She decked the boudoir she shares with her husband Rick with a white IKEA bed, snowy antique dressers and cream walls, but accented it with a bright red Persian carpet and a gray quilt.

Sometimes, the opposite idea — accessorizing a colorful space with creamy finds — can work equally well.

"I'm obsessed with footed white pottery, and I bring groups of it into almost every room I do," says Henderson. "It looks kind of Swedish."

Suddenly, the collection of vintage bumpy milk glass bowls and compotes I've collected for years seems chic to me again.

Of course, many people may steer clear of the new snow daze for purely practical reasons: Pale textiles, floors and walls show dirt faster than a poodle in a puddle. "In a super-white room, you wonder, 'What is the lifestyle of this person?'" says Dennis. "Obviously they've got no kids, no pets and no red wine!"

Still, after my slightly pallid makeover sells my house, I'll be taking those white towels and curtains to our new place. I'll need all the serenity I can muster as we unpack a zillion boxes.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

## DO

"Use white or lighter colors in a smaller space. It's going to feel bigger and more open," says David Dennis, owner of RCKNDY.

Painting woodwork or even a brick fireplace surround a glossy, creamy white instantly freshens up a space (like the author's fireplace, shown).

Consider an all-white kitchen. "It's got a clean, uncluttered feel," says designer and HGTV star Emily Henderson. Plus, its creaminess can set off brighter dishes like Fiesta ware or appliances in hot hues.



TRY THIS

The antler-chic thing isn't dead, especially if you mount multiple fake ones — like this one from Ballard Designs (\$49, Ballard-designs.com) on a pale-hued wall. Other white objects hung in multiples also add a pop to walls — think a mass of creamy china saucers or a half dozen mirrors.



You could spend years amassing antique white porcelain. But Suzanne Kasler's white slip pots (\$59-\$120, Ballarddesigns.com) amount to an insta-collection. "A group of pale objects, gives a room freshness," says Kasler.



▲ On Karlton's sun porch, red brick sets off snowy accessories and a vintage lamp.

## DON'T

"I don't like large pieces of white upholstered furniture. Other people seem to be afraid of them. I've noticed that everyone will stand around a white sofa instead of sitting down to enjoy conversation," says Darin Miller, owner of Adams Morgan home store And Beige (1781 Florida Ave. NW; 202-234-1557).

Put down a fuzzy white rug without taking into account your lifestyle (pets, foot traffic, a coffee or cabernet addiction). The last thing you want is something underfoot that looks dingier than a painter's drop cloth.

Keep all of your walls all white. "I think it's almost chilly and disconnected that way," says Arlington designer Marya Karlton.

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**Movies are seasonal, like food.** Or, rather, like food should be. (There's no point to tomatoes in January.)

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of January and February, which is when you should catch up on all the decent movies on your Netflix queue.

But now is the time when most things are pretty good. OK, maybe not this week, with *"Mars Needs Moms,"* which is in that horrible *"Polar Express"-style* animation, and *"Battle: Los Angeles,"* which at least looks kind of fun. But next week there's *"Paul,"* (Simon Pegg! He's pretty good!) *"Limitless,"* (Bradley Cooper, above! He's pretty good!) *"The Lincoln Lawyer,"* (I've seen it! It's pretty good!) and *"Jane Eyre."* (Seen that, too! Pretty good!)

It's like when spring finally comes and you can get out of the unending tyranny of kale and sweet potatoes at the farmers market. Yes, that arugula may not be as good as the corn, but at least you have a choice. There are options! You can go to the movies without working your brain too hard, but neither do you need to disconnect any higher functions to believe what's happening onscreen.

This is a season of quiet cinematic pleasures. Sometimes the valley between strenuous and stupid is a nice place to be.



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# Beware Of the Big Bad Retelling

A modern update of fairy tale 'Red Riding Hood' gets the story all wrong

KIMBERLY FRENCH



## Film Review

O, for the love of all that's Grimm, what hath *"Twilight"* wrought?

Hard on the heels of *"Beastly,"* a modern retelling of *"Beauty and the Beast,"* comes the revisionist fairy tale *"Red Riding Hood,"* a lurid, loopy, utterly ridiculous enterprise that seeks to twist the ultimate fable of feminine fear and victimhood into an allegory for finding your inner bad girl.

Channeled by the ethereally beautiful Amanda Seyfried, the townsmaiden Valerie is all wide eyes and English-rose innocence as she longs for her soul mate, a humble woodcutter named Peter (Shiloh Fernandez), but is forced to marry the wealthier and far less dangerous Henry (Max Irons). When the town is attacked by the Big Bad Werewolf that resides in the nearby Very Dark Woods, the local priest looks for salvation in a hired werewolf-assassin named Father Solomon (Gary Oldman); soon the holy man has neighbors looking at one another for signs

## Valuing Style Over Substance

Amanda Seyfried didn't actually read the *"Red Riding Hood"* screenplay before she signed on to the gothic thriller. Instead, she was sold on the drawings, photos and video materials director Catherine Hardwicke showed her. "She had all these crazy visuals to show me, and I thought about how difficult it is to make this timeless old tale into a full-length movie," Seyfried says. (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

## Red Riding Hood (PG-13)

► **Director:** Catherine Hardwicke  
► **Stars:** Amanda Seyfried, Shiloh Fernandez, Gary Oldman  
► **In a Nutshell:** Set in a medieval village that is haunted by a werewolf, a young girl falls for an orphaned woodcutter, much to her family's displeasure.

► **For Fans of:** *"The Twilight Saga," "Beastly," "Freeway"*

that one of them possesses distinctly lupine tendencies.

Director Catherine Hardwicke, who directed the first *"Twilight"* movie, reportedly considered Taylor Lautner for the role of Peter, a nod to Team Jacob that suggests she took on *"Red Riding Hood"* purely out of spite for having been fired from the lucrative vampire franchise. (She did hire *"Twi"-dad* Billy Burke to play Valerie's father.) At least that theory helps explain how she could have become involved in such a misguided project, which veers wildly in tone between self-seriousness and out-

right parody.

Hardwicke, a former production designer, has come up with a visual style that emphasizes the story's fanciful roots; her trees are evocatively spiky, and the wintry landscape is dotted with splashes of bright, unseasonal color.

But despite Hardwicke's pictorial gifts, she has no sense of tonal control; what might have been a fascinating exercise in creative anachronism a la Sofia Coppola's *"Marie Antoinette"* instead just looks like an episode of *"Gossip Girl"* set at a Medieval Times restaurant. (Tellingly, Hardwicke hired Coppola's frequent musical collaborator, Brian Reitzell, to compose the score, which reaches the apex of overreaching hipness in a vaguely lewd dance-slash-rave.)

For the strenuous effort Hardwicke puts in to juice up *"Red Riding Hood"* with hormonal lust and psychosexual meaning, the movie remains an oddly wan, bloodless affair. My, what big pretensions it has. And not a cogent idea in its pretty little head.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



**Cue Nostalgia:** Those who grew up on *"Rugrats"* (pictured), *"All That,"* *"Pete & Pete"* and *"Clarissa Explains It All"* rejoice! Nickelodeon will be dusting off those, and many other staples from its glory days of programming this fall on sister station TeenNick, Entertainment Weekly reports. *"The '90s Are All That"* will air nightly in two-hour blocks from midnight to 2 a.m. with plans to also feature Nickelodeon films, such as *"Good Burger,"* in the future. (EXPRESS)

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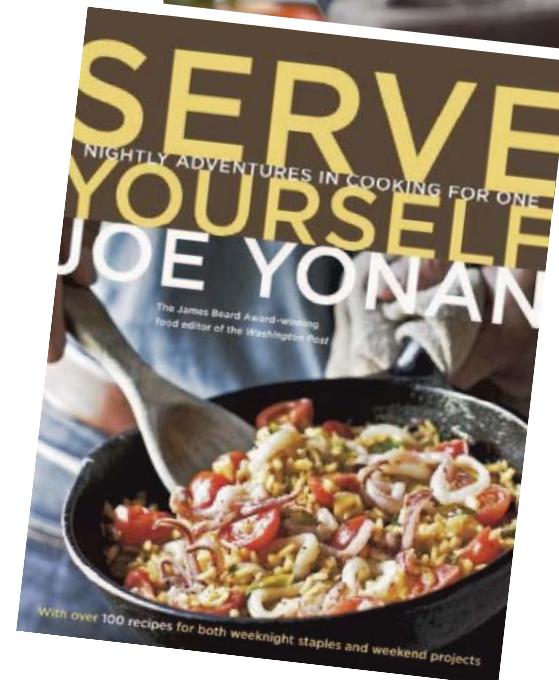
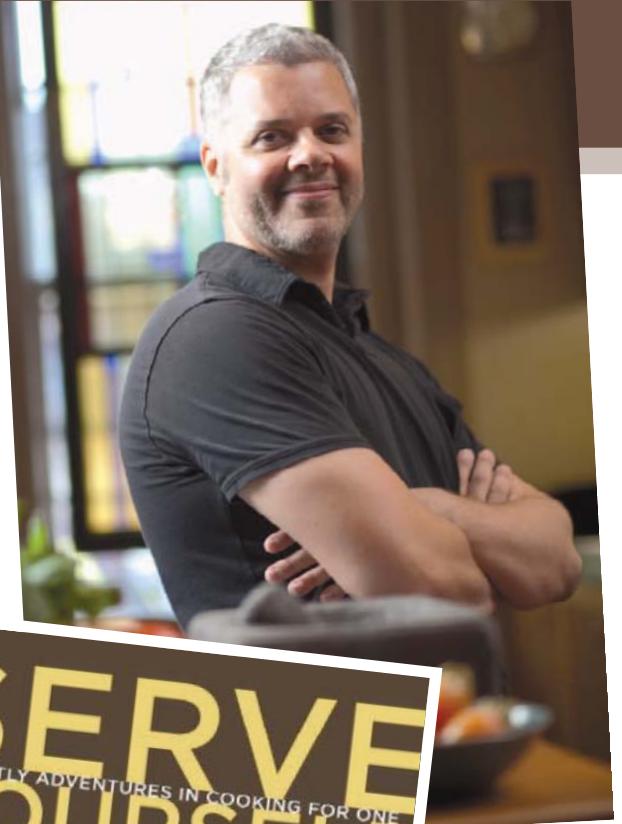
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# Dulled-Down Doomsday

With repetitive action, 'Battle: Los Angeles' feels more like a video game than a movie

## Film Review

A cross between "The War of the Worlds" and a Marine recruiting film, "Battle: Los Angeles" sends a bunch of earnest leathernecks into the most hostile territory they've ever experienced: Santa Monica.

Twenty major cities around the world have been attacked by metal-sheathed extraterrestrials, yet this shoot-em-up focuses only on one steaming slice of L.A. County. While the movie occasionally pulls back for a wider view, it emphasizes the effects of the intergalactic brawl on a lone Marine patrol, led by nonsense Staff Sgt. Mike Nantz (Aaron Eckhart).

The repetitive point-and-shoot storyline suggests an M-rated videogame, but the movie's pounding symphonic score and irony-free outlook are closer to World War II B-movies.



Santa Monica, above, is one of the 20 major world cities that extraterrestrials attack in the disaster film "Battle: Los Angeles."

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### Battle: Los Angeles

(PG-13)

- **Director:** Jonathan Liebesman
- **Stars:** Aaron Eckhart, Michelle Rodriguez, Bridget Moynahan
- **In a Nutshell:** As a full-scale alien invasion threatens the Earth, in Los Angeles, a veteran Marine staff sergeant leads his new platoon into battle with an uncommon enemy.
- **For Fans of:** "Independence Day"

So are its lack of humor and embrace of cliche. Nantz, for example, is tormented by memories of the men he lost in Iraq, and has just received his discharge papers when the brutal ETs attack.

Pressed back into service, Nantz will inevitably prove himself to his mistrustful troops with his valor and ingenuity. And though they suffer heavy casualties, you need not worry about the children the troops rescued. This close to Hollywood, nobody's

going to let any kids die.

This movie spends so much yawn-inducing time on variations of the same combat scenario that its final showdown feels rushed. That's why "Battle: Los Angeles" would actually have worked better as a videogame. Viewers who adore the bang-bang could have sustained it for weeks. And the rest of us could have looked up the cheat codes and jumped straight to the ending.

MARK JENKINS (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Singer Phil Ochs, above, wasn't able to achieve the level of fame he sought.

# Stuck in Dylan's Shadow

## Film Review

A dark shadow hangs over Kenneth Bowser's documentary portrait "Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune." It isn't the 1976 suicide of the singer, who gained a modest amount of prominence in the 1960s with such anthemic protest songs as "I Ain't Marching Anymore."

Rather, it's the shadow of Bob Dylan. He never appears in the film, except in archival images, but his presence looms large. The absence of the singer, a friend whom Ochs came to view as a rival, is all the more noticeable because of the many other musicians who are interviewed on camera: Joan Baez, Pete Seeger and Billy Bragg, to name a few.

Ochs's music never gained the widespread acceptance that he craved. The title of his first album, "All the News That's Fit to Sing," is an apt description of his highly verbal, almost didactic style.

He never felt comfortable with the dark, at times deeply personal lyrics that Dylan is known for. It's kind of funny in a way, but also sad, that Ochs's life story — told poignantly in this movie — finally achieves the kind of tragic poetry he never fully created in his art. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Break Out the Box of Tissues

'Mars Needs Moms' offers a touching take on the unity of family

## Film Review

Where on Earth would you be without your mom? Well, if you are Milo, the pint-sized hero of Simon Wells' inventive new "Mars Needs Moms," you might not be on Earth at all.

The fast-moving "Mars" starts with an argument between Milo (Seth Green) and his loving but firm mother (Joan Cusack). Sent to bed early one night, Milo blurts out how much better his life would be without his mom.

Listening in on their conversa-



### Mars Needs Moms

(PG)

- **Director:** Simon Wells
- **Stars:** Seth Green, Joan Cusack, Mindy Sterling
- **In a Nutshell:** A young boy named Milo gains a deeper appreciation for his mom after Martians come to Earth to take her away.
- **For Fans of:** "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," "Monsters Vs. Aliens"

tion — from many miles away — is the Supervisor (Mindy Sterling), a Martian leader scouring our planet for a prize-winning mom. Every 25 years, Mars endures a baby boom, producing infantile hatchlings who need to be taught discipline. Martian scientists have devised cold, robotic

nanny-bots but must download an earthling mother's memories before the program reboots. Milo witnesses his mom's abduction and manages to stowaway in the alien craft before it leaves our planet. Now he has until sunrise to retrieve his mom or he'll lose her forever.

The film's motion-captured technology still can't replicate the photo-realism achieved by contemporary animated films, but that doesn't take away from how much "Mars" touches our hearts. SEAN O'CONNELL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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**THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU** (PG-13, 106 minutes) Matt Damon plays a gifted young politician named David Norris, who, as the movie opens, is wrapping up a campaign to become the state's youngest U.S. senator. Handsome, charismatic and hotheaded, Norris is practicing a crucial speech in a Waldorf Astoria men's room on election night when he meets Elise Sellas (Emily Blunt) as she steps out of one of the stalls. As a couple, David and Elise are clearly meant to be, but it turns out that David's future may have other plans. The Fates are aligned in the form of the title outfit, led by a no-nonsense operative named Richardson, played by John Slattery in a crafty, deadpan take. **A.H. BEASTLY** (PG-13, 97 minutes) The movie opens with Kyle (Alex Pettyfer) running for Green Club president at his Manhattan private school on the platform that he's a rich, popular, good-looking guy. But after he publicly humiliates Kendra (Mary-Kate Olsen), the school's resident Goth outcast, she reveals herself as a witch and turns him into a "Beast" — a heavily pierced, scarred and tattooed "freak." Kendra's curse gives Kyle one year to find someone who will tell him "I love you." Enter Lindy, propelled into Hunter's life by a plot device so preposterous you'll wonder if anyone bothered to check whether it made any sense. **SANDIE ANGULO CHEN**

**CEDAR RAPIDS** (R, 86 minutes) When insurance salesman Tim Lippe (Ed Helms) gets the nod to leave his small Wisconsin hometown to attend a crucial confab in the title city, the setup seems glib beyond repair: Tim's a wide-eyed eternal adolescent, utterly beside himself at the prospect of taking his first plane ride. Tim discovers that his hotel roommates will be Ronald "Ronimal" Wilkes (Isiah Whitlock Jr.) and Dean "Deanzie" Ziegler (John C. Reilly), a foul-mouthed boor. Tim may be the nominal hero of "Cedar Rapids," but it's Deanzie, that crude and knavish sprite, who makes it worth visiting. **A.H. THE EAGLE** (PG-13, 114 minutes)

Moviegoers capable of suspending disbelief are the most likely to appreciate the Roman Empire-era action flick "The Eagle," which becomes absurd precisely when Channing Tatum marches onto the scene as a Roman army commander. The

story begins with the disappearance of the 5,000 men of the Ninth Legion, who marched into Caledonia with their insignia, never to be seen again. The humiliation from the loss leads to the creation of Hadrian's Wall, sealing off Rome from the far north. What starts out as a promising mix of mystery and adventure set during a captivating period becomes a squandered opportunity. **STEPHANIE MERRY**

**DRIVE ANGRY** (R, 104 minutes) "Drive Trashy" would be a more accurate title for the first 45 minutes of this gore-spouting, sex-flaunting romp. And that's the good part. Nicolas Cage's taciturn character introduces himself as Milton, as in the author of "Paradise Lost." He's just busted out of somewhere to rescue his infant granddaughter. The baby is in the clutches of the satanic sect that's

already killed her parents. The cult's Jim Jones-like leader, Jonah King (Billy Burke), intends to sacrifice the child under the upcoming full moon. This will usher in an age of "hell on Earth." The movie is gleefully obscene and exuberantly violent. Also, the film's second half includes scenes that aspire to sincerity and ones that require Cage to utter more than one sentence at a

time — both very bad ideas. **MARK JENKINS** **GNOMEO & JULIET** (G, 84 minutes) Think there are no other fresh ways to retell William Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet"? Try this on for, well, size. Verona is out, replaced by a picturesque London suburb. And instead of a pair of star-crossed human lovers, let's consider feuding families of round-belly, knee-high, pointy

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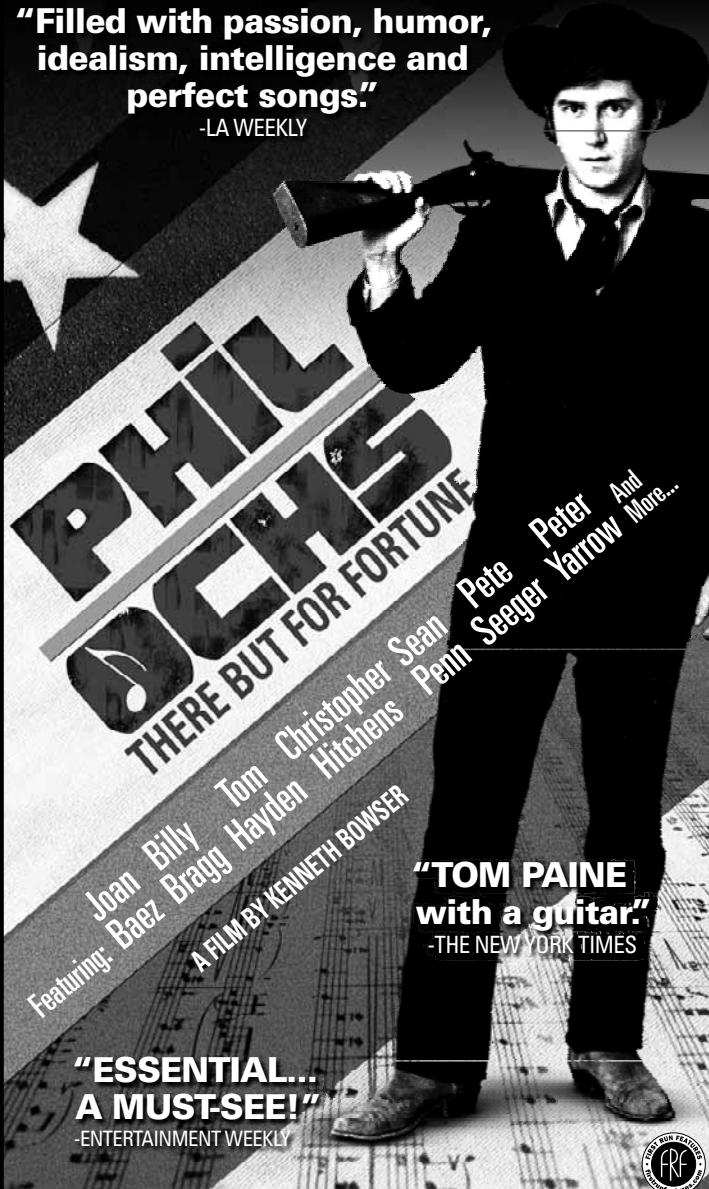


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Johnny Depp voices a chameleon sheriff, above, in the animated Western "Rango."

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hat-wearing ceramic garden gnomes. In the animated "Gnomeo & Juliet," creator Kelly Asbury has discovered imaginative ways to freshen up the timeless material and introduce it to the next generation. But wait. Don't Shakespeare's lovers commit suicide once they realize destiny plans to keep them apart? Well, sure, but — spoiler alert — "Gnomeo" has a less disastrous ending. **SEAN O'CONNELL: JUST GO WITH IT** (PG-13, 110 minutes) Sandler plays a Los Angeles plastic surgeon named Danny Maccabee, whose backstory plays out in the first few scenes of "Just Go With It": The victim of a scheming, two-timing bride-to-be, the long-schnozzed Danny flees her clutches at the altar, then finds that his wedding ring and hard-luck story work like catnip with the ladies. When one of Danny's conquests turns out to be true love, and she finds his decoy wedding ring, the quick-thinking Lothario dragoons his long-suffering assistant Katherine (Jennifer Aniston) and her precocious kids to play his soon-to-be-estranged family. **A.H.**

**JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER** (G, 105 minutes) Justin Bieber. To some people, he's that young singer. You know, the one with the hair. To others — mostly tween girls — he is the greatest singer in the history of music. "Never Say Never," the new concert film/documentary starring the 16-year-old pop megastar, has an easy task in winning over that latter segment. The bigger question is whether any folks who don't shriek at the mere mention of the Biebs' name will leave the theater with a case of Bieber Fever. Answer: perhaps a mild case, but nothing too serious. **DAVID MALITZ: THE KING'S SPEECH** (R, 118 minutes) There's nothing not to love about Tom Hooper's classy historical drama,

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which tells the story of how Britain's King George VI (Colin Firth) overcame a debilitating stutter and went on to lead the country through World War II. Although Bertie, as he was known to his family, had no intention of assuming the throne, he found himself wearing the crown when his brother, King Edward VIII (Guy Pearce), abdicated. Painfully shy and reticent to the point of paralysis, Bertie freezes up every time he approaches a microphone. It's a situation that Bertie's wife, Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter), realizes just won't do. **A.H.**

**NO STRINGS ATTACHED** (R, 103 minutes) In "No Strings Attached," Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher—or, rather, the impossibly attractive Los Angeles they play in this better-than-average romantic comedy—believe they can have sex constantly while remaining unattached. Don't they know this can't be done? Forgive the pseudo-spoiler, but anyone with even vague knowledge of romantic-comedy clichés knows how this contemporary twist on the Harry-sleeps-with-Sally routine will conclude.

**JEN CHANEY**

**RANGO** (PG, 107 minutes) When Rango's aquarium gets jostled out of a traveling car, leaving its tender-footed inhabitant alone to fend for himself in the Mojave desert, Rango (voice of Johnny Depp) drags himself to the dusty town of Dirt, a dry and forbidding outpost ruled by a hard-shelled turtle mayor and inhabited by a menagerie of rodents, amphibians, reptiles and sundry desert creatures. Soon after arriving in Dirt, Rango seeks to impress the townsfolk in the local bar, spinning a tall tale of murderous derring-do. Now a rootin', tootin', bona-feeday hee-roo, Rango is appointed sheriff and soon thereafter discovers there might be more to the local water shortage than just a patch of bad weather. **A.H.**

**THE ROOMMATE** (PG-13, 93 minutes) "The Roommate," starring TV-minted personalities Minka Kelly and Leighton Meester, switches the action from a New York apartment to a dorm, where Sara (Kelly) has just moved from Des Moines with big dreams and a broken heart. There to lend a sympathetic ear is roomie Rebecca (Meester), a troubled rich girl who latches on to Sara with the ardor of a well-seasoned stalker. Sara doesn't twig to Rebecca's dark side until it's too late. "The Roommate" doesn't have the courage of its pulpy convictions, preferring to leave the gore on the floor. **A.H.**

**TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT** (R, 97 minutes) Set in Southern California circa 1988, Topher Grace plays Matt, a listless recent MIT grad who returns home to work at a video store in the mall. He's still lustful after his high-school crush, Tori Frederking, and finds the perfect opportunity to woo her during a rager thrown by his twin sister's boyfriend. Matt makes the misguided decision to lie, telling Tori

he works at Goldman Sachs. To bolster this fable, he steals a Mercedes with the help of his best friend, Barry, and the pair finds a gigantic bag of blow in the glove compartment. Watching Barry nervously psych himself up to snort a line of cocaine and fumble his way through a dance-off provides the movie's biggest laughs. But when the plot veers into relationship territory, it gets painful. **S.M.**

**UNKNOWN** (PG-13, 113 minutes) Liam Neeson plays professor Martin Harris, who as the film opens arrives for a conference in Berlin with his wife, Liz. When Harris leaves his briefcase on the Berlin airport curb, a series of domino-effect mishaps ensue, including a taxi ride that ends with him plunging into an icy river before being saved by the car's driver. In a coma for four days, Harris awakes with a spotty memory,

and his sense of disorientation grows when his wife doesn't seem to recognize him. As long as filmgoers come to "Unknown" unencumbered by a need for plausibility, this well-paced production possesses its share of twisty, visceral pleasures. **A.H.**

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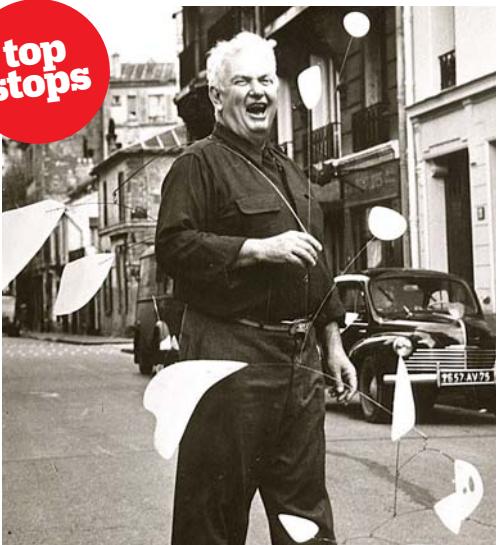
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## 2 Little Movies That Could

The DC Independent Film Festival ends this weekend, but you can still catch a few shorts and full-length movies — including an evening of horror flicks, and a screening of the original Sundance cut of "The Blair Witch Project," in case you a) haven't seen that movie or b) forgot about your undying vow never to watch it again after you vomited on some guy's shoes in the movie theater in 1999. **Various locations, through March 13, \$15; Dciff.org.**

Compiled by Fiona Zublin. For more upcoming events, follow the Top Stops blog at expressnightout.com/topstops.

## 3 History, Rewritten

Jeff Greenfield is undeniably a newsman — he's worked for ABC, CBS and CNN since the late 1970s — but even journalists sometimes want to cut loose from reality. His new book, "Then Everything Changed," tells "alternate histories" of presidents from JFK to Ronald Reagan. Basically, these tales are the political historian version of fanfiction, but Greenfield is a savvy political mind who keeps it from being a pointless exercise. He'll be talking about it at Politics and Prose this weekend.

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The King's Speech (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15  
Cedar Rapids (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:40-3:15-5:40-8:20-10:45  
Black Swan (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:30-2:10  
Take Me Home Tonight (R) 5:00-7:40-10:20  
Beastly (PG-13) 12:50-3:10-5:30-8:10-10:50  
Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 11:45-1:00-3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00  
Just Go With It (PG-13) 11:15-2:00-4:00-7:35-10:35  
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Just Go With It (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21; Digital Presentation: 9:10  
Unknown (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 1:30-4:20-7:10  
Hall Pass (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 9:50  
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D (G) Club Cinema-Over 21; Read 3D: 12:00-4:10-6:50-9:30  
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#### Regal Cinema 14

707 Seventh Street NW [www.regalcinemas.com](http://www.regalcinemas.com)

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Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) Digital Projection: 11:20-3:00-6:20-9:15-12:00  
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Digital Projection: 11:55-2:30-5:00-7:50-10:20-12:50  
Just Go With It (PG-13) Digital Projection: 6:05-9:35  
Hall Pass (R) CC-Open Caption: 12:10  
The Fighter (R) Digital Projection: 8:00-8:15  
Take Me Home Tonight (R) 2:55-10:45  
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### 1 Making Faces

Artist Alexander Calder, left, is well-known for his miniature circuses and his spinning mobiles, but he also created three-dimensional wire portraits (which have a lot in common with his mobiles, structurally) of celebrities like Jimmy Durante and Charles Lindbergh. Those works are on display beginning this week. **National Portrait Gallery, 8th and F St. NW; through Aug. 14, free; 202-633-1000, Npg.si.edu. (Gallery Place)**

### 2 Little Movies That Could

The DC Independent Film Festival ends this weekend, but you can still catch a few shorts and full-length movies — including an evening of horror flicks, and a screening of the original Sundance cut of "The Blair Witch Project," in case you a) haven't seen that movie or b) forgot about your undying vow never to watch it again after you vomited on some guy's shoes in the movie theater in 1999. **Various locations, through March 13, \$15; Dciff.org.**

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#### AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

8633 Colesville Road [www.afi.com/silver](http://www.afi.com/silver)

The Social Network (PG-13) 12:20-9:25  
Black Swan (R) 2:45-5:00-7:15  
The Fighter (R) 12:00-2:15-7:05  
True Grit (PG-13) 4:30-9:20  
Gugu and Andile (NR) 5:30  
Beyond the Ocean (NR) 7:30  
State of Violence (NR) 9:45

#### AMC Loews Center Park 8

4001 Powder Mill Rd. [www.AMCTheatres.com](http://www.AMCTheatres.com)

The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 11:00-1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45  
Gnomeo & Juliet (G) 11:45-2:30-5:45  
Mars Needs Moms (PG) 10:40-12:50-3:00-5:15-7:25-10:05  
Take Me Home Tonight (R) 1:30-10:20  
Rango (PG) 1:15-1:45-4:30-7:10-10:00  
Beastly (PG-13) 1:10-5:30-2:30-5:00  
Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1:30-1:20-4:00-6:45-9:30  
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1:11:00-1:30-4:15-7:10-9:45  
Unknown (PG-13) 2:00-7:05  
Hall Pass (R) 7:15-10:10  
Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 1:05-1:45-3:45-6:30-9:15-10:15

#### AMC Loews White Flint 5

11301 Rockville Pike [www.AMCTheatres.com](http://www.AMCTheatres.com)

The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:45-3:30-7:30-10:15  
Mars Needs Moms in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Read 3D: 2:15-5:00-7:15-9:45  
The King's Speech (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 2:00-4:45-7:45-10:30  
Rango (PG) 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30  
Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-7:00-10:00

#### AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12

800 Shoppers Way [www.AMCTheatres.com](http://www.AMCTheatres.com)

Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:20-3:30-6:20-9:20-12:45  
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Hall Pass (R) 7:15-10:10  
Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-7:45-10:15

#### AMC Bethesda Row Cinema

7235 Woodmont Avenue [www.landmarktheatres.com](http://www.landmarktheatres.com)

The Last Lions (NR) 2:30-5:00-7:30-9:30  
The King's Speech (R) 2:00-4:00-7:00-9:45  
Another Year (R) 2:45-5:45-8:45  
Biutiful (R) 2:35-5:50-9:00  
The Illusionist (L'illusioniste) (PG) 2:50-5:05-7:05-9:10  
Barney's Version (R) 2:15-5:30-8:30  
Cedar Rapids (R) 2:20-4:40-6:55-9:15  
Black Swan (R) 2:35-7:10-9:40  
Regal Bethesda 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue [www.regalcinemas.com](http://www.regalcinemas.com)

Gnomeo & Juliet (PG-13) 1:50-4:00-6:30-9:00  
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:30-5:15-7:45-10:10  
Mars Needs Moms in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Read 3D: 1:30-3:00-5:30-7:30-9:30  
The Fighter (R) Digital Projection: 3:00-5:30-7:30-9:30  
Take Me Home Tonight (R) 2:00-2:45-5:00-7:20-9:40  
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 2:10-4:45-7:30-10:10  
Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 1:45-4:15-7:15-10:00

#### I Am Number Four (PG-13) 4:40-9:45

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Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1:00-4:45-7:20-10:05  
True Grit (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00  
Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15

#### Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14

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Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (G) Read 3D: 1:00-3:55-6:40-9:30  
Rango (PG) Digital Projection: 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:45  
Beastly (PG-13) RW: 1:20-3:50-7:10-10:00  
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Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 1:10-2:05-3:40-4:25-6:45-7:45-9:35-10:25

#### Regal Majestic 20

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Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (G) Read 3D: 1:00-4:25-6:25-8:35-10:40  
Rango (PG) Digital Projection: 1:20-3:50-6:20-8:50-11:20  
Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:00-1:50-3:40-6:15-7:15-8:55-9:55-11:35-12:35  
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#### Regal Ballston Common 12

671 N. Glebe Road [www.regalcinemas.com](http://www.regalcinemas.com)

Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (G) Read 3D: 1:20-4:20-6:30-9:30  
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Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:23-5:20-8:10-10:30  
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True Grit (PG-13) 1:30-4-6:10-8:40-10:40  
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## TV weekend lookout

# Science Meets Fiction

Two new shows from National Geographic border on fantasy

### Documentary

**FRIDAY 8:00** Giant, man-eating fish are usually the province of the SyFy channel's Saturday-night movie franchise. It seems like every other film there involves some giant, mutant blood-thirsty creature on the rampage. But tonight, the National Geographic Channel introduces "Fish Warrior: Catfish Attack."

Adventure angler and conservationist Jakub Vagner goes in search of legendary catfish, some of which are rumored to weigh as much as half a ton and to feed on small animals, even



Angler Jakub Vagner, above, chases a legendary catfish in "Fish Warrior."

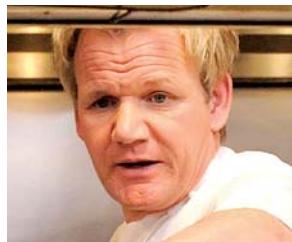
people. Yikes!

He doesn't find a fish that large, but he does come face-to-face with the wels catfish in France, a 6-foot monster that leaves him with a rather nasty bite mark. "Fish Warrior" proves to be a perfect

lead-in for the new series "Beast Hunter" (9 p.m., also on National Geographic), another "documentary" show that blends and confuses the realms of science, fiction and fantasy. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

### Best Bets

**FRI 8:00**



#### Kitchen Nightmares (FOX)

In this new episode, chef Gordon Ramsay, pictured, visits a painfully struggling Providence, R.I., restaurant appropriately named DownCity to see if he can help the owners turn it around and keep the doors open. When he arrives, he realizes he may be too late this time.

**SAT 9:00**

**Bobby's Ireland** (FOOD) Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, Bobby Flay gets Food Network fans into the Irish spirit with this new hourlong special that takes viewers on a gastronomic journey through Ireland.

**SUN 8:00**

**The Simpsons** (FOX) Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong voice their cartoon likenesses in this new episode, which brings Cheech and Chong to Springfield on tour. Marge tries to help a cat lady break her hoarding habit.



**SUN 9:00**

**Californication** (SHOWTIME) If Hank hoped that the trial would help his case, he's in for a big letdown. Even the witnesses supposedly on his side are backed into testifying about his drinking and womanizing.

**SUN 9:00**

**The Celebrity Apprentice** (NBC) In this new episode, the contestants must write a children's book based on one of their teammates and perform it for an audience of 4- and 5-year-olds. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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### Thursday's Results

**IS JULIANNE MOORE A GOOD FIT TO PLAY SARAH PALIN IN HBO'S MOVIE 'GAME CHANGE'?**

41%  59%

NO  YES

**"Absolutely not.** Julianne Moore is way too old to play Sarah Palin and looks nothing like her. Not to mention her politics. There are very few actresses patriotic enough to play Palin."

COMMENTER ANISHA

**"No, Julianne Moore** is a much better person in so many ways. It's too bad she has lowered herself to play such a loser. Besides, I'd never watch anything about that opportunistic narcissistic fraud — Sarah Palin."

COMMENTER LMAO

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— [THEANTIDC.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://THEANTIDC.BLOGSPOT.COM) WAS NOT HAPPY WITH STATISTICS SHE READ ON EACH WEBSITE THURSDAY. 'INDEX' RANKED THE CITY FIRST IN THE COUNTRY IN LAWYERS PER CAPITA, AND 'HEALTH' RANKED THE DISTRICT AS NO. 1 IN TWITTER USAGE.



## Blog Log



**"This was more along the lines of playful theatrics than marketing, but it would be interesting to see Blake [Griffin] have his own signature shoe with the Swoosh or Jumpman."**

— [SNEAKERNEWS.COM](http://SNEAKERNEWS.COM) ENJOYED A NEW PROMOTIONAL VIDEO IN WHICH THE LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS FORWARD ENDORSES HIS FRIEND, USC TIGHT END JORDAN CAMERON, AS A TOP PROSPECT FOR THE UPCOMING NFL DRAFT.



**"What's Felicia 'Snoop' Pearson from HBO's 'The Wire' been doing lately, you ask? Sadly, the same thing she was doing before the show and on it — getting arrested."**

— [THEFABLIFE.COM](http://THEFABLIFE.COM) REACTS TO NEWS THAT THE ACTRESS — WHO SPENT PART HER TEENAGE YEARS IN PRISON FOR SECOND-DEGREE MURDER — WAS ONE OF 30 PEOPLE ARRESTED IN A MASSIVE DRUG STING IN BALTIMORE THURSDAY.

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## Horoscope

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll exert more of an influence over others at this time than you had anticipated—and your share of the rewards will increase, too.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Don't let someone else's bad decision affect what you do with your own money. You know what's best for you right now.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You can learn a great deal from someone much younger and far more inexperienced—and learning it will seem to come naturally.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) A change in schedule may affect your priorities. A certain piece of hidden information cannot be shared just yet.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) You may not feel fully plugged in, but if there were ever a time to be disconnected, it's now. Pay attention to trends, however.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Before too much time passes, you'll want to make your mark in a way that is not easily forgotten by those claiming to be your rivals.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What happens by accident is something you may very well want to make happen tomorrow quite intentionally.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The look of a thing is likely to be just as important as the substance you are trying to dress up. Your sense of style pays off.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may want to call an end to something that has been in decline for some time, and that has begun to cost you more than money.

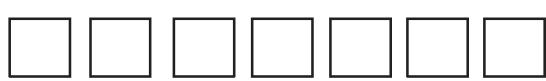
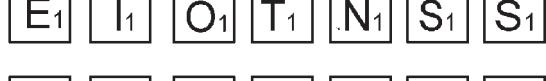
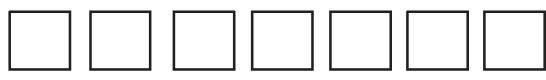
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are doing something that others think is worth doing, but they may try to change the way you are doing it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are dedicated to doing things that have your own unique stamp, but you'll have a good reason to work hard for another.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may not fully understand your motives, but they are driving you to accomplish something that may be fondly remembered.

## Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 204



Double Word Score



3rd Letter Triple



### Yesterday's Solution

E <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>8</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	RACK 1 = 98
F <sub>4</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>		RACK 2 = 13
R <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>		RACK 3 = 59
S <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	RACK 4 = 64
							TOTAL 234 PAR SCORE 145-155

### FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

## Sudoku

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2	7	8	1	4			
	1						9
3		5	9				4
							2
7	3						4
		8					
		3	1				8
6							7
	4	2	9		6	3	

### Yesterday's Solution

7	2	4	8	3	1	5	9	6
1	6	3	5	4	9	8	7	2
8	5	9	7	2	6	4	1	3
3	9	7	2	6	4	1	5	8
6	4	5	1	8	7	3	2	9
2	1	8	3	9	5	6	4	7
4	8	1	6	7	2	9	3	5
5	7	6	9	1	3	2	8	4
9	3	2	4	5	8	7	6	1

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## Forecast



56 | 36

**Today:** Periods of clouds and sunshine today. Clear and breezy tonight.



61 | 43

**Tomorrow:** Mostly sunny, breezy and nice tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.



Looking Ahead



SUN | MON



TUE



58 | 36 52 | 35 56 | 39

**Sun and Moon**

Sunrise today: 6:26 a.m.  
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Moonrise today: 9:42 a.m.  
Moonset today: none

**Almanac**

Normal high: 54  
Record high: 78  
Normal low: 36  
Record low: 14

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# people lookout



## HOPES, DASHED

### Other Possible Fill-Ins: Cate Blanchett, Pet Rock

In the face of rumors that Rob Lowe has been tapped as a possible replacement for Charlie Sheen on Chuck Lorre's magnum opus, "Two and a Half Men," E Online reports that NBC has issued firm denials that Lowe is leaving his current role on "Parks and Recreation." Sheen mentioned Wednesday that he thinks Lowe is "a beautiful man, a brilliant actor." (EXPRESS)



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Olsen was horrified when she realized "National Treasure" was just a movie.

## IT'S OVER

### Next: Bored Olsen Twins Form Own 'Twin Country'

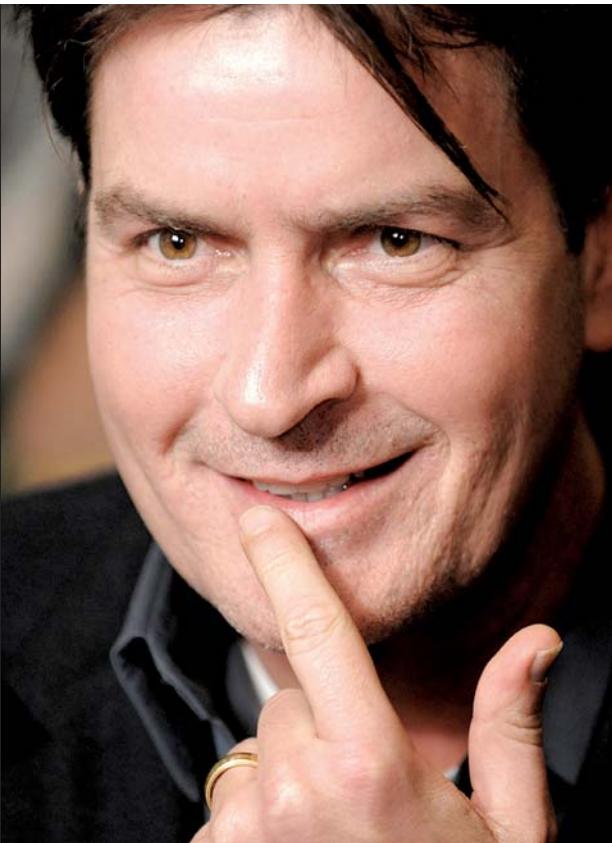
Fashion designer, businesswoman and former child star Ashley Olsen has split from her boyfriend of two years, actor Justin Bartha. Her twin sister, Mary-Kate, is also recently single. Rumors indicated that Olsen and Bartha had plans to get married in the South of France, but it appears that is not to be. (EXPRESS)

# \$100 MILLION

The amount Sheen is seeking for breach of contract and retaliation, claiming Warner Bros. refused to fire him last year despite numerous scandals and that his tirades aren't grounds for termination.

**"[Sheen was] provoked into criticizing Lorre in response to his harassment and disparagement campaign, which had been going on for years."**

— CHARLIE SHEEN, IN A FORMAL COMPLAINT FILED IN A SANTA MONICA COURT THIS WEEK AGAINST WARNER BROS. AND PRODUCER CHUCK LORRE



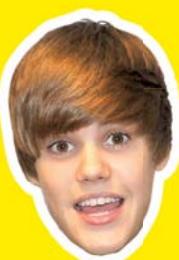
## RECOVERY

### Step Two: Just Sue EVERYONE

Charlie Sheen is suing Warner Bros. and Chuck Lorre, executive producer of "Two and a Half Men," for \$100 million. The lawsuit alleges production was halted on the CBS sitcom to punish Sheen. Warner Bros. had put the show on hiatus to allow Sheen time to seek therapy, then stopped production for the season after Sheen launched tirades at Lorre. Sheen was fired from the show this week. (AP)

CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

If you laid \$100 million dollars end to end, you could buy sooooo much tiger blood. Like six or seven whole tigers' worth. Seriously.



## Trapped!

### 'Operation Not a Wig' Begins

Beleaguered pop star Justin Bieber was trapped in the Hard Day's Night Hotel in Liverpool by a mob of screaming fans. Police warned of a possible riot situation. Us Magazine reports that Bieber remains in good spirits and on Twitter despite the ordeal. (EXPRESS)



## FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

### Despite Crime, Lohan Deems Herself Too Pretty to Go to Jail

Lindsay Lohan rejected a plea agreement Thursday offered by prosecutors that included a guaranteed return to jail in a case involving the theft of a \$2,500 necklace. Lohan agreed to delaying her case until an April 22 preliminary hearing. (AP)



**"My whole career people have been hard on me. But I stood in there. I got through it, and people actually clapped at the end."**

— MIKE "THE SITUATION" SORRENTINO, ON BEING BOOED DURING HIS BIT AT A ROAST OF DONALD TRUMP

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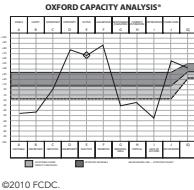
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